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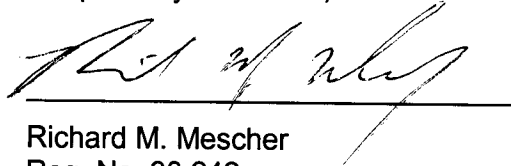
I. Introduction

Applicant filed an RCE and Amendment on August 26, 2009 in response to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2009. Applicant now makes further amendment to independent claim 1. New claims 10 and 11. Accordingly, claims 1, 4 to 6, 10 and 11 are now pending in this application.

With some embodiments of the invention, the frangible link is broken simply by the act of removing the electrodes from the stowage location. With these embodiments it is not required to actually separate the electrodes from one another in order to break the frangible connection. For example, see paragraph [0046] and Figure 16. In other embodiments of the invention, the frangible link is broken by removing the electrodes from the stowage location and separating the electrodes from one another. For example, see paragraph [0046] and Figure 11. The claims have been amended to clearly read on each of these embodiments. No prior art of record discloses or reasonably suggests the invention as claims as discussed in detail in the Amendment filed on August 26, 2009.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3915.

Respectfully submitted,



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